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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

IOURGENKO ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/549,977

FILED: JUNE 28, 2006

FOR: CYCLIC AMP RESPONSE ELEMENT ACTIVATOR PROTEINS AND  
USES RELATED THERETO

**MS: Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Madam:

The Office Action of July 3, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on October 3, 2008. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), to extend to Monday, January 05, 2009.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 504409 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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